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“Man of La Mancha”: A synergy of professionalism

Montana Shakespeare in the Parks and Intermountain Opera join forces to present the Tony Award-winning musical theater hit, “Man of La Mancha,” 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 13-March 1, with a preview at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 11 at Montana State University’s Black Box Theater in Bozeman.

The production represents the inaugural collaboration between the two local arts organizations. “All around the nation, opera companies and Shakespeare festivals are including the immensely popular medium of musical theater in their seasons,” said Linda Curtis, artistic director of Intermountain Opera Bozeman. “It makes perfect sense for our two companies to combine our expertise ... When we collaborate, we create a synergy of professionalism that is a credit to Montana.”

“Man of La Mancha” is inspired by Miguel de Cervantes’ masterpiece, *Don Quixote*. It tells the story of the “mad knight” as a play within a play, as he awaits a hearing from the Spanish Inquisition.

Kevin Asselin, MSIP’s executive artistic director, directs a cast comprised of union actors from Chicago and New York and professional local talent.

Tickets for \$10-\$30 and may be purchased at Intermountain Opera Bozeman’s website, intermountainopera.org.

ARTS CALENDAR, JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Anaconda

February 9

Todd Oliver and Friends - 7:30 p.m., Washoe Theater, Anaconda Live!, 406-563-2606

February 13-14

Chocolate Events and Elegant Dinner - 6 p.m., Copper Village Museum and Arts Center, 406-563-2422

Belgrade

January 16

Cody Canada and the Departed and Jason Boland and the Stragglers - 8 p.m., Silver Spur Arena, 406-388-4663

Big Sky

January 9-10

Upright Citizens Brigade - 7:30 p.m., Warren Miller Performing Arts Center, 406-995-6345

January 17

Take 6 - 7:30 p.m., Warren Miller Performing Arts Center, 406-995-6345

February 5-8

Big Sky Big Grass Festival - Big Sky Resort, 406-995-8072

February 8

Big Sky Commission: Darol Anger, Phillip Aaberg, Angela Ahn and Mike Reynolds - 7 p.m., Warren Miller Performing Arts Center, 865-318-4340

February 14

Nrityagram - 7:30 p.m., Warren Miller Performing Arts Center, 865-318-4340

Bigfork

January 11

Groovin’ on a Sunday Afternoon: Brent Jameson and Donny Rifkin - 2 p.m., Bigfork Center for the Performing Arts, 406-837-4885

February 27-28

“Rumors” - 7:30 p.m., Bigfork Center for the Performing Arts, 406-890-1882

Billings

January 2

Wynonna and The Big Noise - 7:30 p.m., Alberta Bair Theater, 406-256-6052

January 3, February 7

Venture Improv - 8 p.m., NOVA Center for the Performing Arts, 406-591-9535

January 7

“Smokey Joe’s Cafe” - 7:30 p.m., Alberta Bair Theater, 406-256-6052

January 8-11

“The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley” and “Little Red Robin Hood” - Billings Studio Theatre, 406-248-1141

January 9-11

“Amahl and the Night Visitors” - NOVA Center for the Performing Arts, 406-591-9535



Angella Ahn joins the Muir Quartet in Billings and Bozeman and performs as part of the Big Sky Commission in Big Sky.

January 16

Soul Street Dance - Alberta Bair Theater, 406-256-6052

January 16-18, 23-25, 30-31

“Twelfth Night, or What You Will” - NOVA Center for the Performing Arts, Black Box Theater, 406-591-9535

January 17

Meet the Author: Craig Lancaster - 1 p.m., Billings Public Library, 406-657-8290
Rock Sirens - 7:30 p.m., Alberta Bair Theater, 406-256-6052

January 18

Yellowstone Chamber Players - 3 p.m., Prescott Hall, RMC, 406-690-1702



“Smokey Joe’s Cafe” delivers a high-energy song-and-dance show with hits from the 50s and 60s in Butte, Helena and Billings.

January 23-24, 29-31

“Blithe Spirit” - 7:30 p.m., Billings Studio Theatre, 406-657-1111

January 24

Billings Symphony: “Peter and the Wolf” - 11 a.m., Alberta Bair Theater, 406-252-3610

January 28

“Jekyll and Hyde” - 7:30 p.m., Alberta Bair Theater, 406-256-6052

January 31-February 1

Antique Sale and Flea Market - Bair Family Clubhouse, Boys and Girls Club of Yellowstone County, 406-252-3670

February 5

Muir Quartet and Angella Ahn - 7:30 p.m., First Congregational Church, 508-740-8331

February 6

Billings ArtWalk - 5-9 p.m., downtown, 406-696-7121

Jam at the YAM - 5-9 p.m., Yellowstone Art Museum, 406-256-6804

Jazz Festival Concert - 7 p.m., MSU Billings Petro Theater, 406-657-2049

February 6, 8, 13, 15

“Susannah” - NOVA Center for the Performing Arts, 406-591-9535

February 7

Billings Symphony: “Symphonic Fantasy” - 7:30 p.m., Alberta Bair Theater, 406-252-3610

February 8

Yellowstone Chamber Players - 3 p.m., Cisel Hall, MSU Billings, 406-690-1702

February 10

“The Great Gatsby” - Alberta Bair Theater, 406-256-6052

February 10, 17, 24

World War One Lecture Series - 6:30 p.m., MSU Billings Library, 406-657-1662

February 13-15, 19-22, 26-28

“Steel Magnolias” - Billings Studio Theatre, 406-248-1141

February 14

For Love of the HeARTs - 7:30 p.m., NOVA Center for the Performing Arts, 406-591-9535
Music of John Denver - 8 p.m., Alberta Bair Theater, 406-256-6052

February 15

“So You Think You Can Dance” Live - 7:30 p.m., Alberta Bair Theater, 406-256-6052

February 17

“Cinderella” - 7:30 p.m., Alberta Bair Theater, 406-256-6052

February 18

Mayhem Poets - Alberta Bair Theater, 406-256-6052

February 22

Iration - 7 p.m., Babcock Theatre, 866-300-8300

February 26

“Memphis” - 7:30 p.m., Alberta Bair Theater, 406-256-6052

February 27-28

“The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” - 7:30 p.m., NOVA Center for the Performing Arts, 406-591-9535

Bozeman

January 2

Sassafras Stomp - 7 p.m., Verge Theater, 406-586-4123

January 9-10, 16-17, 23-24

All-Original Comedy Revue: “Take My WiFi ... Please!” - 8 p.m., Verge Theater, 406-587-0245

January 12, 26, February 9, 23

Improv On The Verge - 7 p.m., Verge Theater, 406-587-0245

January 14

“The Indian Education of Lewis and Clark” - 6-7 p.m., Museum of the Rockies, 406-243-6022

January 17, 21

The Met: Live in HD: “The Merry Widow,” Gallatin Valley Mall Cinema, 406-586-4515

January 20

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Lecture: Robert Shetterly - 7-8:30 p.m., Emerson Center Crawford Theater, 406-994-5801

January 23

Bozeman Symphony Piano Series: Young-Ah Tak - 7:30 p.m., MSU Reynolds Recital Hall, 406-585-9774

January 26

Denine LeBlanc, Piano - 7:30 p.m., MSU Reynolds Recital Hall, 406-994-3562

January 29

Guest Artist Recital: James Reid, Classical Guitar - 7:30 p.m., MSU Reynolds Recital Hall, 406-994-3562

January 30

Celebration of the Arts: An Evening of Moroccan Mystery and Magic - 6 p.m., Emerson Center Ballroom, 406-587-9797

January 31

Kane’s River - 7:30 p.m., Ellen Theatre, 406-585-5885

January 31, February 4

The Met: Live in HD: “Les Contes D’Hoffman,” Gallatin Valley Mall Cinema, 406-586-4515

February 1

“This Is Montana” - 1:30 p.m., Bozeman Public Library, 406-243-6022

February 4, 6

Muir Quartet and Angella Ahn - 7:30 p.m., MSU Reynolds Recital Hall, 508-740-8331

February 6

Sweet Tooth Swing - 7:30 p.m., Emerson Center Ballroom, 406-587-0681

February 6-7, 13-14, 20-21

“Vanya and Sonia and Marsha and Spike” - 8 p.m., Verge Theater, 406-587-0245

February 7

Bozeman Symphony Orchestra: “A Winter Serenade” - 7:30 p.m., The Commons at Baxter and Love, 406-585-9774

February 11, 13-15, 19-22, 26-28

“Man of La Mancha” - MSU Black Box Theater, 406-587-2889

February 11

Winter Backcountry Film Festival - 7:30 p.m., Emerson Center Crawford Theater, 406-587-9797

February 14

Bozeman Symphony Orchestra: “Compose Yourself” - The Commons at Baxter and Love, 406-585-9774

Museum Ball - 5:30-10:30 p.m., Museum of the Rockies, 406-994-2251

February 14, 18

The Met: Live in HD Encore: “Iolanta” and “Blackbeard’s Castle,” Gallatin Valley Mall Cinema, 406-586-4515

February 20

“The Green Man in Art, Architecture and Folklore” - 7-8 p.m., Bozeman Public Library, 406-243-6022

February 25

Michael Videon, Guitar - 7:30 p.m., MSU Reynolds Recital Hall, 406-994-3562

February 26

International Guitar Night - 7:30 p.m., Ellen Theatre, 406-585-5885

Butte

January 5

“Smokey Joe’s Cafe” - 8 p.m., Mother Lode Theatre, 406-723-3602

January 23

Windsync - 7:30 p.m., Mother Lode Theatre, Butte Community Concert Association, 406-723-3602

January 27

“Jekyll and Hyde” - 8 p.m., Mother Lode Theatre, 406-723-3602

February 3

“The Great Gatsby” - 8 p.m., Mother Lode Theatre, 406-723-3602

February 17

“Memphis” - 8 p.m., Mother Lode Theatre, 406-723-3602

February 18

Good Company - 7:30 p.m., Mother Lode Theatre, Butte Community Concert Association, 406-723-3602